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Our unusually wet winter and spring have been followed by our usual mid-Summer drought. Normal for us to have about six weeks of hot, sunny days from late mid-June to late July.

Where proper care of land is given, this does not prevent good crops, nor keep intelligent farmers from making money when not hindered by politicians. Some years one crop pays best, some years another. A farmer here needs to use as much intelligence as a banker, to understand and profit by market conditions. The not using this intelligence is the prime cause of the hard condition of so many sharecroppers, and the landlords cannot justly be blamed for that. Goodness knows! most of them try hard enough to get their tenants to use good sense. And I speak from rather more than fifty years association.

This year, Blackberries have been our best money crop, as shown by the following, printed from the De Queen Bee.

GRANNIS FARMERS GETTING \$10 A CRATE FOR BLACKBERRIES

Blackberries were bringing 25 cents per pound or about \$10 per crate net, at the Cragar Cannery in Grannis this week, and growers of that vicinity were expecting unprecedented returns from their acreage.

The blackberry crop has been the most successful venture the Grannis farmers have ever undertaken, according to those who have been producing them regularly, and even back

when they sold for 5 cents per pound, they brought more profit per acre than any commercial crop that could be grown there.

The growers are not out the crate expense in marketing the berries at the cannery. The crates are emptied and returned to them, and are used over and over, each season.

Cucumbers have also proven highly profitable this year; but if I were a farmer, next year I'd plant only enough for my own table. Plans are now for an enormously increased acreage of them, which may glut the market. Then we'll have a howl about how Wall Street is grinding down the poor, and what the politicians at Washington should do about it.

Radishes are supposed to be a fool proof crop in the garden, but not always. One of my friends and I were comparing garden notes recently and she told me that her Radishes had been a failure—luscious heavy tops but no root development. Her garden is small, had the wash from the barn yard for years, and each winter heavy applications of leaves, hardwood ashes and animal manure. I rather suspect that her ground needs phosphorus. But I could sympathize with her. My first planting was on rather poor soil, first year from pasture. Light application in row of super phosphate and Vigoro. Poor stand, but growth satisfactory. Second planting on and in corn in '45. Previous winter land fertilized with manure and wood

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ashes. Radishes had super phosphate and Vigoro worked into row. Heavy top growth, almost no root. Threw them over the fence. I am puzzled about them.

A. B. Klein, Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Inclosed is a Bryophyllum leaf which should interest you if you have never had it.

Lay the leaf on a table. After about 10 days new sprouts and roots will grow from it. When new sprouts are about an inch high, place leaf on soil so roots can dig in. Do not plant it, just sprinkle a little dirt (sand preferred) on it and water at times. When the new plants are two or three inches high, they may be detached. Frost will kill it.

I was delighted to get the leaf. I did have Bryophyllums but lost them in the December '45 blizzard. Then another friend in Florida sent me several leaves, and I handled them as Mr. Klein directs, except that I did not have table room for them. Used one pound coffee cans half filled with leaf mat from the woods, then filled with rich dirt. Laid the leaves singly on this dirt, put them out on the stands when weather turned warm and now have a nice stock of young plants. One of the nicest features of my plant hobby is the kindness of other gardeners.

Am also puzzled about my Taliums. They seed themselves and are about six weeks late this year. Was afraid to advertise them in last issue, but have plenty now. They bloom very early from seed and the bloom somewhat resembles pink Baby's Breath.

Have a long season of bloom; then become dormant. Can be set away in a dark closet and given a little water about twice a month. Will start new growth earlier than seedlings and come into bloom sooner. Tender to frost.

Mrs. Mary Cady of Wrights, Penna., wrote me of an odd experience. "One of my friends once told me of an odd experience she had. She had set two clumps of red Peonies on either side of some white lilies which bloomed at the same time. The next season the Lilies were a pale pink. They continued so each year, but any bublets replanted elsewhere were white. Strange, wasn't it?"

I hope reporting this circumstance will not bring wrath down on Mrs. Cady's head, as was my fate for reporting to Horticulture of the remarkable behavior of a Rose bush in a friend's yard. I was reprimanded by an official of the Rose Society, and a nurseryman and several wrote me to instruct me, though their instructions had no acquaintance with the actual facts.

"Whatsoever therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10, 31.

If this means what it says, then it means that God expects us to do our very best in our everyday lives and work. The Bible puts much stress on doing our very best. The Lord makes it plain that He will not accept anything short of that. Then most strikes, demanding pay for work not done, slow downs and all such tricks are brazenly against the Bible. Evidently their inspiration comes from the other direction; and Christians should take

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their stand against all evil, no matter about the votes.

The popular demand for continuance of OPA was a deep humiliation to me. I had thought better of Americans. We have written history for something like six thousand years. Booms and busts have come down all that time. Civilizations have risen and fallen; but a pattern runs through all. When a civilization is on the skids, we find small families the rule in the better circles; divorce is frequent; feminine modesty goes out of style; government interferes with business; taxes are high and multiplied to pay for government squandering; and pauperism becomes fashionable. Read Gibbon or Durant for the history of the Roman decline, and note the parallels. But I did not realize that Americans had sunk to the "bread and circus" stage.

I saw a review of "Profits From Field and Stream" and sent for same, for a present for one of my grandsons, and after reading the book, suggest to other grandmothers that it is an ideal present. Most youngsters like to collect. All mothers know that. But this book helps them know what to collect intelligently; how to make some of their collecting hobbies pay a little money, or other swapping, and there is a lot of general scientific information in the book.

If you have an interest in any special line of plants, you can probably get a line on books you would need from the catalogue of "Book Mark." It is about the most complete specialty catalogue in the botanical line I have ever seen.

I buy my typewriter ribbons and carbon paper from the Golden Rule

Society, because of getting such good values.

HARDY ROCK GARDEN PLANTS

HARDY SEDUMS. All Sedums I call hardy can survive 15 below zero without protection. Some of them are hardy in the sub-Arctic. Most are fine for rock garden plants. Last year my *Sempervivums* made almost no increase. This year most are "hatching" chicks, and when my backlog of orders left from last year are filled, I hope to have a number of varieties of hardy Semps to offer. There is a rock garden plant par excellence. Most of the dwarf plants listed under other heads, and many of the wildlings, are also good for rock gardens.

I have wholesale quantities of the following Sedums: *Sarmentosum*, hardy to subarctic, pendant effect. One sent me *Glaucum*, much like album, but different flowers and winter coloring; *Album* white flowers; evergreen with us, an album hybrid has never bloomed for me, color of foliage slightly different, a grey green one which I think is *altissum*, good in rock garden, dish garden or as a pot plant; *Acre* and *Sexanfulare* much alike but different, both dwarf and good ground cover for clayey spots; *Maximoiczi*, little known in U.S.A.—two varieties which are in dispute among the botanists who have seen them. The dealer from whom I bought them identified them as the rare pink-flowered *Stoloneferum*, and No. 28 as *Stoloneferum coccinea*; and the faculty of our State Experiment Station at Hope, Ark., agrees with him. Other botanists just as well posted say that both are unusual *Spurium* hybrids.

Have from one to a dozen plants of other varieties. Will trade, plant for

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plant, any Sedum listed for starts of the purple House Leek (*Sedum Spectabile atropurpureum*). Have had it but put it out in the yard where Bermuda grass killed it.

Any Sedum listed, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 5c.

Seven well-rooted, small clumps, all different, labeled to the best of my knowledge, 25c, postpaid.

If selection is left to me, 50 well-rooted Sedums, 10 varieties labeled, \$1.00.

If unlabeled, 1c each in lot of 25.

CONFEDERATE VIOLETS, grey effect, thrive in poor soil and can stand more sun than others.

WHITE VIOLETS, force easily for late winter blooming IF you can keep mice away from the tiny buds.

Wood Sorrell (wild *Oxalis*) attractive, edible foliage, early flowering, very hardy.

Virginia Creeper, well known vine. Deep red in fall.

Five Fingers (*Potentilla*) small vine with some medicinal value. Found growing among rocks. Blooms in early summer.

Christmas Fern, 2½ ft. tall. Green through the winter with us, becoming shabby in the spring. Needs shade. Good for base plantings on north side of house. Very hardy, 10c.

Ebony Spleenwort Fern, also green through winter, and unsightly in the spring. About 18 in. tall. Very hardy. Can stand more sun than the Christmas Fern, and often found growing in cracks of rocks and among roots of hardwood trees, 10c.

Blunt Lobed Woodsia Fern, often found growing with the Ebony Spleenwort. Same conditions. Dies down in winter, 10c.

Wood Betony (*Betonia*). Good ground cover for deep shade. Fern-like leaves, deep red when the first come through. Yellow blooms, good stems for cutting.

Red Tradescantia, so called from the winter color of the leaves. Mother plants I brought in from clay bank hillsides, light shade, had deep maroon colored flowers; but only the Lord Himself knows what color they will be in your garden. Anything from bluish white through all the shades of blue and purple to deep maroon, will be entirely normal. One of the native Spiderworts. Very hardy.

HARDY CACTI—10c EACH

OPUNTIA VULGARE (Common Prickly Pear) hardy, flower creamy yellow, fruit edible. Can be used as pot plant. Thrives in poor soil.

OPUNTIA VASEYI, hardy on the Colorado desert.

OPUNTIA ROBUSTA, stately lawn plant, hardy here to 15 below.

OPUNTIA RAMOSISSIMA, hardy and dwarf, good in full sun in rock gardens, also good as pot plant.

An almost spineless *Opuntia* found here in only one spot that I know of. May be Beaver Tail.

Any of the above plants 5c each, unless otherwise noted.

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Large Green Leaf Wandering Jew, 5c.

Green and White Wandering Jew, 5c.

Bryophyllums, 10c each.

Dark Red Coleus, 5c each.

Variegated Coleus, 5c each.



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Talinum, tender perennial, blooming early from seed. Tall, with pink flowers much like Baby's Breath. Seeds itself as far north as Topeka, Kansas. 5c each; 30c per doz.

Peanut Cactus (Chamecerous Sylvestris), 10c.

Optunia Vilyi (dwarf tender), 10c.

Optunia, either elata or subelata, not sure which, 10c.

Cactus Echinopsis, 10c.

(When the babies are big enough).

Opuntia robusta, a tall Prickly Pear with big pads. Makes a fine lawn specimen. Hardy here, 10c. Another Opuntia which I think is Beaver Tail. No stickers but plenty of the little tufts that get into fingers and clothes.

Unless otherwise stated, all plants whose prices are not given, are 5c each. Postage paid on orders of 50c or more. For less than that amount, please add 5c.

Until income is bigger, the Yellow Sheets will be published bi-monthly.

I have young well rooted Sempervivums but for reasons given in the text, can identify only a few. 3 for 25c, either alike or different, as you prefer.

Owing to my age and health, am having to omit much of my rambling in the woods and confine my attention to unusual plants to be obtained otherwise.

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